

Coconino Astronomical Society

March 28, 2007 Board Meeting

submitted by Linda Webb

In Attendance:

Jeremy Perez, Vice President	Ernie Webb, Trustee
Brent Archinal, Trustee	Dave Frisk, Trustee
Klaus Braus, Member	Kris Frisk, Member
Linda Webb, Member	

Business:

- None

Discussions:

April General Meeting

- Chris Luginbuhl will present at the April Meeting on Dark Skies in Flagstaff
- Presentation to coincide with Astronomy Day.
- Brent will submit an announcement and press release to the Daily Sun. Jeremy will submit an announcement to the local radio station, KNAU
- Last month the newspaper announcement brought out additional attendees and a new member.

May General Meeting

- Jeremy has been in touch with Andy O'Dell about doing a program on Stellar Evolution with a possible follow up program on Galactic Evolution at a later date.

Future General Meeting Presentations

- Jeremy is working on a follow-up to his sketching presentation on using Photoshop to digitize images from astro-sketching. Could possibly do in July or August.
- Andy O'Dell might still be asked to do a talk for the May meeting on stellar evolution. Alternatively, Jeremy could do a sketching presentation, since that would be well timed - with the book he has contributed to coming out in May.
- June will be the Annual CAS Star Party
- Topic suggestions for fall meetings were Klaus Braus speaking on Great Observatories of the World or Life in the Universe; Historical Percival Lowell – Lowell librarian, Mars; Star Parties- Pros & Cons; Tom Polakis on tripod astrophotography.
- Possibly tours of local astronomy venues- Anderson Mesa, Lowell, USGS, Naval Observatory, Braeside Observatory. In the past some of these have been offered during the day, have dinner, and then the evening meeting.

Outreach Opportunities

- Astronomy Day activities at the Mall, in conjunction with NAU or Lowell
- Public observing at Lowell with 16'
- Opening Braeside Observatory for public visits – not best observing location

Meeting Times

- Some problems with the new meeting time were raised
- Programs and discussion are more rushed because of trying to be out on time
- Earlier start for meeting to allow more time, use other entrance
- Let Lowell know our programs in advance so they could coordinate with us and use our program
- Talk with Kevin about having the room until 7pm

General Discussion

- Jeremy raised the need to get more members involved in outreach activities
- Idea of expanding email notices to include outreach opportunities

- Use the Bulletin Board to share information on activities
- Using the newsletter to explain how to utilize the bulletin board and how to subscribe

Miscellaneous

- JoAnne will be back and mail out next month's notices
- Jeremy will cover drinks for next month's meeting for the Webbs
- Possibility of Jeremy applying for the grant next year for liability coverage – would it be worthwhile?
- General discussion of dark skies situation and enforcement of ordinances
- Dave Frisk reminded all that everyone is welcome to use his facility for stargazing, not just new members.